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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Nobutaka MIYAKE

Appln. No.: 09/694,002

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For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS,  
METHOD AND STORAGE MEDIUM  
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The cited documents may be pertinent because they were cited in a European Search Report issued March 6, 2002, a copy of which is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

FEE STATEMENT

No fee or statement is required in connection with this Information Disclosure statement, since it is being submitted prior to the issuance of a first official action on the merits of the above-captioned application.

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner and that an annotated copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned with the next official communication indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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